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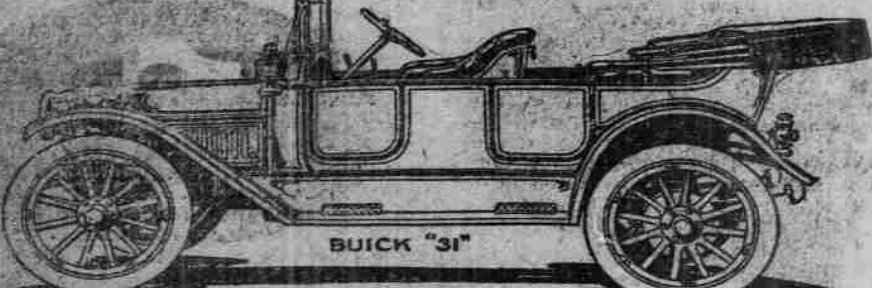
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## Automobile News

### NEW TRAFFIC IDEA

R. H. Emmons says: "In Detroit, we have a highly educated Commissioner of Police and auto demonstrators have had to add a course in geometry to the regular curriculum leading to the chauffeur's degree. All cross walks in the city are lined with white paint and space is also marked off for foot passengers to stand within, next to the street car stops. Then we have lines drawn at the curb to insure parking cars at the proper angles. In the spaces set apart. Taking it altogether, it is one of the best safety first propositions I ever saw."

### THE RUBBER MARKET.

A prominent manufacturer of tires says: "Over 60 per cent of the crude rubber used in the United States comes from the Far East, via the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. No merchant ships are passing through these seas now, and we don't know when they will start, surely not for a while. Shippers could divert the shipments via the Pacific Ocean to our western coast, but this change would require time and we have no word that such a course is under advisement."

London, of course, has always been the transfer point, but the high grade rubber in stock there would not supply the American rubber manufacturers more than a week. Naturally at this point there are also big accumulations of "C" grades of rubber (that is, cheap rubber usually unsuitable for the making of tires), and there has been recent activity in this grade.

"Being shut out from the east, we must look to South America for our supply. Here we find only a few hundred tons in stock, because the Brazilian district has a steady market for all their rubber during their open season. Just now this country is flooded with torrential rains and the gathering of crude rubber cannot start until October. So we find but little immediate relief there."

"When shipments start to come in from the east, crude rubber prices will probably decline sharply. Although it has been reported unofficially that when civilization stopped, the plantation owners laid off their men and ceased tapping the trees. This, of course, would mean a shortage of rubber, but it is very possible that transportation is the main difficulty and that as soon as navigation opens, we will find plenty of rubber to supply this country."

### ROAD BULLETIN.

New Haven to Milford. Both the main highway and the shore road, via Savin Rock, between New Haven and Milford are closed but suitable detours have been provided.

Attention is called to a portion of Section No. 21 of the Motor Vehicle Law which provides that upon arrest for violations of the law, except serious injury or death occurs, the owner may show his driver's license and the registration certificate of the machine, and shall be allowed to go, by the officer, on his own recognizance. He must later appear for trial or his license will be revoked. This notice is sent because a number of motorists have recently been held up and paid small amounts to the officers as bail.

### MOTORCYCLE GRABBED

"Motorcycle confiscated for war purposes." This is the message which came to America from Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery, who, with her daughter, Miss Julia Avery, has been making a motorcycle tour of Europe. The post mark of the card was obliterated. But the Averages had planned to be in Ostend, Belgium, about the first of August and in going there from Paris they took a route through the war zone of Alsace-Lorraine. Therefore it is probable that either the French or German army captured their traveling outfit.

Both Mrs. Avery and her daughter are students of the College of Agriculture of Wisconsin, and had planned to spend the summer studying agricultural conditions in Europe and inspecting dairy farms in Great Britain, France, Holland and Belgium. They expected to return to school in the fall and prepare themselves to take charge of a farm of their own in Pennsylvania.

### CAR STEALING.

We desire again to urge our readers not to leave their cars on the street or roadside without having them locked or guarded. A number of automobile stealing is a rapidly increasing crime. Fifty cars were reported stolen in Detroit last month and in New York city scarcely a day passes that there is not a report of such loss.

Of course all this is practically unnecessary. In these days of desperate deeds for gain there is no safety for a car unless it is locked or watched. The opportunity of stealing something that assists the thief in quickly putting himself at a distance from the rightful owner of property that is worth anywhere from five hundred to several thousand dollars is a new temptation to crime and one far more attractive to the reckless and desperate than anything offered for a good many years.

The only remedy is the eternal vigilance that provides suitable locks, and punishment to culprits that fits the crime. Automobile Dealer and Repairer.

### CAN'T BE USED BY HORSES.

Between the towns of Roswell and Vaghn, New Mexico, there is an auto road with bridges of unique design. The road runs through stretches of almost impassable sand and despite the fee of five cents a mile it is very popular with motorists. The peculiar feature of the route lies in the bridges which can be used only for automobiles," says Dr. Charles G. Percival, editor of Health Magazine of New York city, in his new book, "The Trail of the Bull Dog," which deals with the author's 50,000 miles of travel by automobile into every part of the North American continent.

These consist of two wooden troughs placed 48 inches apart, and as they are not connected with cross boards, the middle of the bridge is open for its entire length and horse drawn vehicles cannot pass over. Each trough has protecting side-

boards, so that the cars cannot leave the track and slide into the ravine. It is a popular road for motorists when touring the southwest."

### FADS FOR MOTORISTS

For extra wraps the coat capes with or without sleeves are very much used, and may be had in smooth or rough goods, lined or unlined. In pongees they make excellent dust garments.

Campers' food bags are used a great deal for the day's outing, as they keep everything in perfect condition. They may be folded out of the way after luncheon is over. In one pocket paper plates, cups and napkins are carried and are also discarded after use.

Stitched white linen or pongee hats with wide rolling brims are very smart. At the left side they have big pompons of bright game bird feathers.

A hatchet with folding spring guard will come in handy when it is time to build the camp fire.

A handy invention is the clamp coat hanger that may be attached to a small tree. There are four hooks upon which to hang clothing.

For touring, bloomers or breeches have taken the place of the petticoats. They are made to match the skirt. Thin silk bloomers are worn under the heavier materials. Short corsets of rubber webbing, lightly boned are worn.

The steam engine rug makes excellent camp blankets. They are light and warm and come in most attractive colors, fringed or plain.

### FOURTH OF ALL CARS.

One-fourth of all the motor cars of the world are owned in the United States. There are now 1,400,000 registered cars in this country.

Great Britain is second with 350,000 and France third with 25,000. Persia has 13 and Liberia one. Many large cities in foreign countries have no motor cars.

### VALUABLE DON'TS FOR AUTOISTS

Don't wait till the gasoline is nearly gone before filling up. There might be a delay.

Don't fail to have warm clothing. High altitudes are cold and dry air is penetrating.

Don't carry loaded firearms in the car, except possibly a small pistol.

Don't fail to put out your campfire when leaving.

Don't forget the yellow goggles.

Don't ford water without first wading through it.

Don't build a big fire for cooking. The smaller the better.

Don't drive over twenty-five miles an hour. Unexpected, small, dry washouts in the west will break springs.

Don't drink alkali water.

Don't wear new shoes.

The book bristles with practical points for long distance motorists. Copies may be obtained by applying to Goodyear, at Akron.

Throughout the past week, the automobile trade has remained strong and steady despite the disquieting rumors caused by the war, which threatened for a time to make sales for the near future one of the greatest of the American industries.

Throughout the country, the automobile factories are working full time. While agencies in all sections of the country report large sales for the past week. There has been a decided improvement over the preceding week, and the trade is once again coming to the support of the dealers. In every section of the country, reports of an encouraging nature are being received. The west is very prosperous, and an unusually large number of sales are being made.

Locally the trade remains good. Orders are being received as before, while there has been no decrease in the number of inquiries, and the summer's business portends to be good, notwithstanding the predictions when for a time to make sales for the near future one of the greatest of the American industries.

At the Blue Ribbon Garage, where the famous Packard is sold, reports for the week are unusually encouraging. Many orders for cars have been taken during the past week. The week has been unusually good, and with present indications, the summer trade should be the heaviest since the entrance of the car in the local field.

The Packard's lines are long, low, and graceful, and the car is built for both speed and endurance. It is an ideal car for both city and country purposes, and the longer it stays upon the market, the more popular it becomes. The engine operates under extremely economical cost.

The Cadillac Motor Car Co. of Detroit, whose garage is located on Fair-

field avenue, reports good general conditions for the past week. The number of sales were above the average, while inquiries for demonstrations are increasing. Generally, they report fine business conditions for this time of the year, and are extremely optimistic as to what the remainder of the year will bring.

The Cadillac of the latest model is among the best moderate priced cars offered the motoring public. For general use, there are none better adapted, placed upon the market. There are no roads too poor, nor hills too steep for this car. In design, there are few that can excel it. Motorists always give the Cadillac careful consideration.

Despite the rather precarious outlook during the outbreak of the present conflict in Europe, the Locomobile Co., one of the largest of Bridgeport's industries, report encouraging prospects in all sections. This company has branches scattered in the largest cities of the country and from these, the daily reports show that the war has not interfered with the general automobile trade. Locally, conditions are good, and from present indications will remain so, regardless of the conflict that now shakes Europe.

In design and construction the Locomobile compares favorably with the highest priced foreign made cars. The car has long, low, slim lines, and has had the name of being a "custom made" car, applied to it by the manufacturer. But few are of stock design, the most being built according to the desires of the purchaser. Engine trouble is rare with the Locomobile owner for years of experimentation by the company has made the engine as nearly perfect as possible.

At the Bulkley Auto Station on Fairfield avenue, where such well known cars as the Chandler, Loyer and Paige are distributed, conditions for the past week were unusually good. Should the present, by any indication of the future, the year will be one of the most prosperous yet had by local dealers.

The Chandler, one of the best cars offered autoists at the price, continues to remain a favorite with local motoring enthusiasts. The car is of excellent construction and develops wonderful power. It is an ideal city car. It is peculiarly adapted to city use, and becomes a favorite with all who purchase. The Loyer, ranking as it does, as one of the best of American cars, continues to remain a good favorite in this section.

The Saxon cycle car, for which H. M. Ford is agent, is a favorite with the owners of the little car. Sales during the week have been good despite the war. The Saxon has won considerable favorable comment because of its lightness, and its economical cost of operation. Its equipment compares with that of the higher priced cars.

Business continues good with the American Cycle Car company of this city, manufacturers of the Trumbull cycle car. Reports from branches in all sections of the country indicate that the trade will increase. The Trumbull Cycle car is constructed of steel of a high quality. Its motion is one of the best to be obtained. Its design is handsome, and the equipment provided is the best. The number of these little machines seen about the city is continually increasing.

The Studebaker is distributed in this section by the Elm Auto company on State street. The present summer will be one long remembered by the company because of many sales. The Studebaker is a superior car at the price for which it is offered. In appearance, it is handsome and its construction cannot be excelled. It is not wanting in power, for no hills to be found in this vicinity have proved too steep for the car and roads of poor character have proved but little detriment. The Studebaker has been long regarded as a bargain at the price for which it sells, and always receives careful consideration by local motorists.

### A LONG FELT WANT.

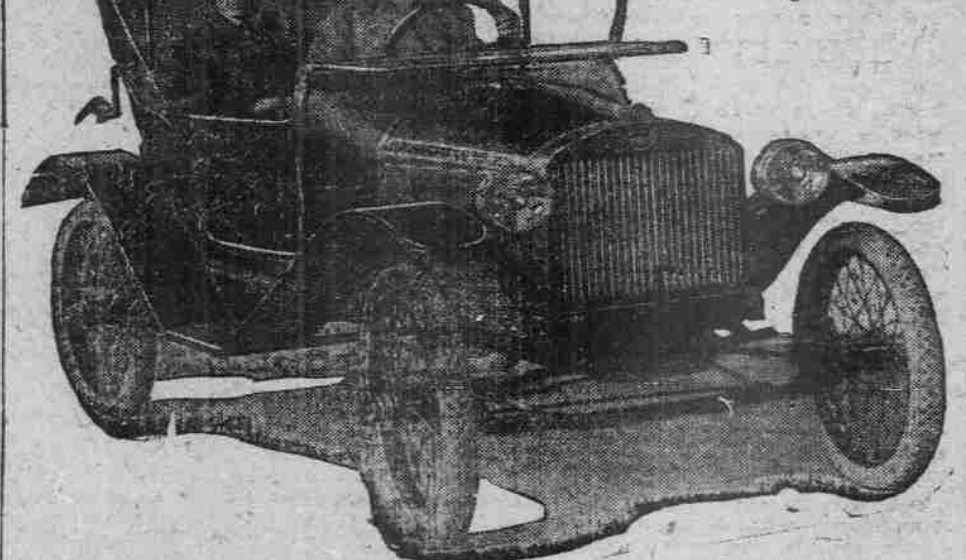
(Boston Globe.) This country may get along a great deal better some day if only the gyro-scope is perfected so that it can be applied to keeping statesmen steady.

A lens built in France for a new 940,000-candle-power lighthouse in Hawaii is expected to project the light 40 miles, it is said.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Vincent, who recently died at Cincinnati, bequeathed \$440 to her friend, Oliver W. Norton, "to be expended for the best cigars he can buy."

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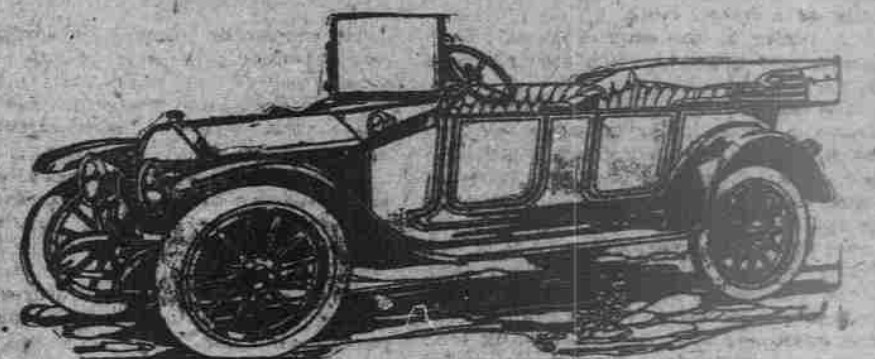
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